

West Des Moines, Iowa; September L. Dau, Iowa Lakes Rural Electric Cooperative, Esterville, Iowa, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and Wilma K. Schopp, Monsanto/

Pharmacia and Upjohn, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4149–4160; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 297, H. Res. 453, 456, were introduced. **Page H1673**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4052, to preserve certain reporting requirements under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 106–555);

The Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program: Unproven Force Protection (H. Rept. 106–556).

H. Res. 454, providing for consideration of H.R. 2418, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation (H. Rept. 106–557) and

H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of H.R. 3671, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts (H. Rept. 106–558).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ballenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1632**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Agency Reporting Requirements to the Committee on Science: H.R. 3904, to prevent the elimination of certain reports; **Page H1634**

Methane Hydrate Research and Development: H. Res. 453, providing for the consideration of the

bill H.R. 1753, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act, and the Senate amendments thereto; **Pages H1634–36**

Use of Capitol Grounds for the John F. Kennedy Center: H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; **Pages H1636–37**

Judge J. Smith Henley Federal Building, Harrison, Arkansas: H.R. 1605, amended, to designate the United States courthouse building located at 402 North Walnut Street and Prospect Avenue in Harrison, Arkansas, as the “Judge J. Smith Henley Federal Building.” Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H1637–38**

Use of Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service; **Pages H1638–39**

Use of Capitol Grounds for the Library of Congress: H. Con. Res. 279, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress; **Pages H1639–40**

Agency Reporting Requirements to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: H.R. 4052, to preserve certain reporting requirements under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; **Pages H1640–42**

Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building, Youngstown, Ohio: H.R. 1359, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; **Pages H1642–44**

C.B. King United States Courthouse, Albany Georgia: S. 1567, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse.” Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H1644–45**

Participation of the Extremist FPO in Austrian Government: H. Res. 429, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the participation of the extremist FPO in the government of Austria;
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Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act: H.R. 1089, amended, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to require the improved disclosure of after-tax returns regarding mutual fund performance (passed by a ye and nay vote of 358 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 96); and
Pages H1648–51, H1656–57

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan: H.R. 3591, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation (passed by a ye and nay vote of 350 yeas to 8 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 97).
Pages H1651–55, H1657

Recess: The House recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.
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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1631.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1656–57 and H1657. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 a.m. and adjourned at p.m. 8:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

“ARE THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELIABLE”

Committee on Government Reform: On March 31, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on “Are the Financial Records of the Federal Government Reliable.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Joshua Gotbaum, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 3671, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule waives clause 4 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Alaska.

ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2418, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The rule makes in order the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony